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1. Iasi is a province (Regiune) capital of about 200,000 inhabitants. 50X1-HUM Unlike Bucharest, it is not divided into administrative districts. Iasi has been declared an overpopulated town and any person wishing to settle there permanently has to obtain a special permit from the provincial council. Such permits are issued to persons who are transferred to Iasi in connection with their work or for the purpose of the reunification of families. In the latter case the relatives of the applicant have to provide him with living quarters.

2. The following are changes of street names effected since the end of World War II:

Former name	Present name
Lapusneau Street	First named Republicei Street, but in October 1958, former name was reinstated.
Bulevardul Carol	Calea 23 August
Calea Regina Maria	I.C. Frimu Street
Lascar Catargi Street	Karl Marx Street
Vasile Conta Street	Friedrich Engels Street
Muzelor Street	Nicolae Balcescu Street
Sarariei Street	Inginer Ada Marinescu Street
I.C. Bratianu Street	G. Dimitrov Street
Marzescu (or Mirescu) Street	Dobrogeanu Gherea Street
Capitan Paun Street	Roza Luxenburg Street

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Nemteasca Street	Karl Liebknecht Street
Palatului Street	Maresal Malinovski Street
Socola Street	Dr. C.I. Parhon Street
Nicolina Street	Ilie Pintilie Street
Sf. Lazar Street	7 Noembrie Street
Rosetti Street	8 Martie Street or 6 Martie Street
Ghica Voda Street	Dr. Gelerter Street
Cucu Street	Haia Lifschitz Street
Aron Voda Street	Lazar Grinberg Street
Bulevardul Ferdinand	Bulevardul 30 Decembrie or Filimon Sirbu Street
Arcu Street	Filimon Sirbu Street or Soseaua Filimon Sirbu
Negruzzi Street	Horia Street
Lozonski Street	Closca Street
Fundac Lozonski	Crisan Street
Victor Place	Gabriel Peru
Bulevardul Bratianu) Bulevardul Rosetti)	Bulevardul Tudor Vladimirescu
Albinet Street	Ion Niculi Street
Tautu Street	Pavel Tcacenko Street
Regimentul 13 Street	Silvestru Street
Colonel Langa Street	Maks Weksler Street
Carp Street	Flamura Rosie Street
Piata Unirei	Renamed Piata Republicei, but in October 1958 the former name was reinstated.
Carol Street	Copu Street

3. Lapusneanu Street is regarded as the main street of Iasi. Apart from numerous shops, the following are located there:

   a. Hotel Victoria (formerly Hotel Palace), No. 1 Lapusneanu Street. A four-story building, it is one of the largest buildings in Iasi. It houses a restaurant on the groundfloor. There is one other small hotel in Iasi.

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b. Two cinemas:

1) Maxim Gorky (formerly Trianon) with 800 seats at No. 8 or No. 10.

2) Cinematograf Tineretului (formerly Roxy) with 600 seats at No. 16 or No. 18.

c. The municipal museum, located between the two above-mentioned cinemas, is housed in the former Ion Alexandru Cuza Palace.

d. The Provincial Party Club occupies a two-story building at No. 13 Lapusneanu Street. The groundfloor houses a ticket agency for advance sale of cinema and theater tickets.

e. The telephone exchange, at the corner of Lapusneanu and Banu Streets, is a two or three-story building similar to that of the Bucharest telephone exchange. The equipment is in the cellar and the second floor; the top floor contains a radio relay station (no details available). The first floor contains seven booths for long-distance calls and two booths for local calls. The booths for local calls are also used for long-distance calls in the evening and night hours. The telephones in Iasi are automatic; the numbers consist of four digits beginning with "1" or "2".

f. The building of the former Jockey Club, a one-story building with large floor space on Lapusneanu Street, is located at the corner of Engels and 23 August Streets. It now houses various organizations such as the Rumanian-Soviet Friendship League (ARLUS), the Society for the Dissemination of Science and Culture (SRSC), the Union of Engineers and Technicians and the Medical Association.

g. The former Royal Palace, opposite the Jockey Club, now houses the central library of Iasi University.

h. The Provincial Construction Agency, which was formerly attached to Sovromconstructie, occupies a building with an odd street number near the end of Lapusneanu Street.

4. Stefan Cel Mare Street, which is the finest and broadest street in Iasi, has the following prominent buildings:

a. The former Palatul Roznovanu (approximately street number 51) has housed the Provincial Council since 1956. Until that year the building was occupied by the Military District Command which was subsequently transferred to Cluj. In the middle of October 1958, a large fire broke out in the building. It destroyed the office of the personnel section, the State Controller, two of the archives rooms and the registry section. The fire broke out simultaneously at all four corners of the building at 0100 hours and lasted for two days. (The results of the ensuing investigation are not known).

b. The next building on the street (i.e. approximate street number 53) is are large three story structure that houses Party organizations including the Provincial Committee and the Provincial and Town Committees of the Union of Communist Youth (UTM).

c. The only branch at Iasi of the State Bank is located at No. 57 or No. 59. The Agricultural Bank is located at No. 40 (approximate) Stefan Cel Mare Street. There is a third bank in Iasi, the Credit and Investment Bank, which is located on Vasile Alexandrie Street, corner of Cuza Voda Street.

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d. The largest department store in Iasi is located next to the State Bank.

e. Not far from the department store (approximately number 67 or 69) there is the Puskin Cinema (formerly Scala), with about 450 seats.

5. Cuza Voda Street, also among the main thoroughfares of Iasi, is lined with shops on both sides. Prominent buildings on this street are:

a. The main post and telegraph office located at No. 5 or No. 7. It occupies a two-story building which formerly housed the Banca Moldova. There are two branch post offices: one at the central railway station (Gara Iasi), and the other in the town quarter popularly known as Tataras.

b. Several four-story apartment houses for post and telegraph workers are under construction opposite the main post office.

c. The former "Notre Dame Institute", corner of Dobrogeanu Gherea Street, now houses a students' hostel, secondary schools for music and plastic arts and an auditorium.

d. The National Theater and Opera are in a joint building opposite the former"Notre Dame Institute".

6. The municipal market is located on G. Dimitrov Street at the corner of Nicolae Balcescu Street. At the same location is the Central Hospital for Adults (formerly the Spitalul Sf. Spiridon), which serves as a university clinic and has been considerably enlarged in the past years.

7. The Medical and Pharmaceutical College is located on Universitati Street, near the above-mentioned hospital.

8. The Plastic Arts Section of the Rumanian Academy of Science is situated at No 5 or No. 7 Filimon Sarbu Street. The large "Mihai Sadoveanu" Secondary School (formerly Liceul National) is located opposite the building.

9. The Iasi Municipal Council is housed in the pre-war municipality building on Vasile Alexandrie Street.

10. The Palace of Culture in the former Palatul Administrativ on Maresal Malinovski Street houses the following institutions:

a. Offices of Flacara Iasului, the province paper (the printing house is in the former Administratia Financiara building on Stefan Cel Mare Street, corner of Cuza Voda Street).

b. Writers' Union

c. Artists' Union

d. Offices of Iasul Literar, a literary monthly.

e. Museum of the Plastic Arts.

11. The Province and Town Police headquarters as well as Securitate headquarters have, since the summer of 1957, shared a new three-story building on Ing. Ada Marinescu Street, near Calea 23 August. Entrance of the police offices is from Ing. Ada Marinescu Street and to Securitate headquarters from a small lane on the opposite side. The pre-war police headquarters on Vasile Alexandrie Street is now occupied by a polygraphic works called Intreprindere Poligrafica No. 2 Iasi.

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12. The municipal fire brigade station is situated between Karl Marx and Asache Streets. There was no such installation before World War II. The high watch tower of the station affords a good view of the entire town.

13. Until the summer of 1957, Iasi was supplied with drinking water by means of an old pipeline from Timisesti. The quantity of water was insufficient and the town suffered from severe shortages. The laying of a new main, 17 kilometers long, from the Prut River was completed at the afore-mentioned time and since then the water supply has been abundant. The pumping station of the new pipeline, Santiere Alimentarei Cuapa, is situated at the village of Holboca.

14. The provincial radio station is situated on Karl Marx Street in a three-story building opposite Paladi Street, on the right-hand side when coming from the center of town. Work on the station was completed some time between 1956 and early 1958. It is on the air once a day from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. broadcasting on medium waves of 261 m. It mainly relays broadcasts of Radio Bucharest.

15. The most important industrial plant of Iasi is the Febrica Chimica No. 2, an antibiotic factory opened in 1956. It is not situated in Iasi proper, but on a hill close to Valea Lupului railway station on the Iasi-Pascani line and to the left of the road to Roman. It can be seen well from the outskirts of Iasi, i.e. from Bariera Pacurari, exactly seven kilometers from the plant. Its chimneys, the highest of which is of red bricks, are a conspicuous landmark. The plant extends over a large plot, enclosed by a wall 1.5 meters high and made of prefabricated concrete slabs. The plant employs about 2,000 workers. In January 1958, the plant was operating in four production halls of similar design: groundfloor structures of 30 by 10 meters floor space with sloping roofs. Three or four other halls of the same type were then under construction. The administration building has been placed at a considerable distance from the production halls.

16. The largest industrial plant at Iasi is the Atelierele Ilie Pintilie (formerly Atelierele C.F.R. Nicolina), a locomotive and railway truck repair works. It extends over a whole town quarter, from Gara Nicolina to Strada Dr. C.I. Parhon, the gate being on the last-mentioned street. The plant, which employs 3,000 to 5,000 workers, is also said to manufacture railway trucks which are, among other things, exported to Bulgaria. In September 1958, a large fire broke out in the raw materials warehouse at the plant. The damage caused by the fire was estimated at 5 to 7 million lei. In addition to this, losses were incurred as a result of the ensuing lack of raw materials.

17. Three plants of the cotton industry are known to operate at Iasi, all dating from before World War II:

a. The "Tessatura" spinning and weaving mill on Dr. C.I. Parhon Street with about 3,000 workers. Until about 1949, the mill was only engaged in weaving; then it started spinning as well.

b. The "Victoria" spinning and weaving mill on Vasile Lupu Street, with about 2,000 workers.

c. The "Textila Rosie" mill in Targusorul Copou quarters, two streetcar stops from the Gradina Copou municipal park. It has about 1,000 employees.

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18. The following additional industrial establishments are located in Iasi:

a. In September 1958, construction of a large bakery, covering an area of approximately 800 square meters, was nearing completion. It is located on the left-hand side of Dr. C.I. Parhon Street, coming from the center of town, 300 to 400 meters from the Podul Rosu iron bridge.

b. A large refrigeration plant (for meat exports to the USSR), completed in the summer of 1958, is located on Dr. C.I. Parhon Street, approximately 150 meters from the railroad tracks and 300 meters from the Socola Rosie railway station.

c. A repair plant for construction machinery, located on the left-hand side of Soseaua Morii De Foc coming from the center of town, and approximately 50 meters from the railroad tracks, was nearing completion in late 1958.

19. The radio amplifier station (Statia De Radioficare) is located on Piata Unirii.

20. The only power station in Iasi is the thermal plant on Uzinei Street. It has not undergone any outward changes since the end of World War II, though it is known to have been equipped with new machinery. Since January 1958, Iasi has also been supplied with electricity from the new power station at Borzesti by means of a new high tension line. This station provides current to Bacau and Galati as well.

21. The following are details concerning medical institutions in Iasi:

a. The large modern "Dr. Parhon" Provincial Hospital is situated opposite the municipal park (Gradina Copou). Construction had begun before World War II, but was completed only a few years ago. The hospital is housed in a large five-story building (the highest structure in town), and comprises the following wards:

1) Internal diseases

2) Surgery

3) Balneology

4) Obstetrics

b. A military hospital is housed in the former Cadets' School (Liceul Militar) building on Calea 23 August.

c. The blood bank is situated in the third or fourth building on the left side (coming from the center of town) of Karl Marx Street.

22. The municipal streetcar and bus depots are situated next to the power station. The town of Iasi has four streetcar lines:

a. No. 1 - runs between the Copou Quarter and Dr. C.I. Parhon Street, via the following streets: 23 August, G. Dimitrov, Piata Unirii, Cuza Voda, Elena Doamna, Anastasie Panu, Maresal Mali, Novski and Podul Rosie Bridge.

b. No. 2 - Pacurani Street, Republicei Street, Piata Unirii, Cuza Voda, and along No. 1 route to Gara Nicolina.

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c. No. 3 - runs between the central railway station and the slaughter house, via the following streets: 30 Decembrie, Piata Unirii, Cuza Voda, Targul Cucului, Padurei, Tatarasi, Ion Creanca Stejar and Vasile Lupu.

d. No. 4 - Targul Cucului, Ing. Ada Marinescu and Calea 23 August.

23. The bus system operates on lines identical with those of the Nos. 1, 2 and 4 streetcar lines, and in addition on a route from the Palace of Culture to the antibiotics factory at Valea Lupului, via Pacurari Street.

24. Taxicabs are operated from Piata Unirii. Their total number is 10 state-owned cars and two or three private vehicles.

25. Following are details on railway installations in Iasi:

a. The Nicolina railway station, completed in 1956 or 1957, is a small station used by workers (mainly railroad employees) and by freight trains carrying building materials which are stored in nearby warehouses. (According to one informant this station serves passengers only.)

b. Socola Rosie railroad station, completed in 1951 or 1952, is a special freight transit railway station for Rumanian-Soviet trade. There are numerous Rumanian narrow-gauge and Soviet broad-gauge sidings and a considerable number of warehouses at the station. Transit operations concerning all freight traffic are carried out exclusively at this station.

c. Socola Albastra railway station serves passengers only.

d. Iasi central railway station. The Sofia Express used to pass this station and the exchange of axles for the two different gauges was effected there. Since 1957 or early 1958, this operation has been carried out at Ungheni; the train no longer passes through Iasi. A narrow gauge track has been laid from Iasi to Ungheni. The transport of import and export goods to and from Soviet trains is done either by hand or by automatic grabs. Some goods are not transferred directly, but are put into storage.

26. The following are details concerning military objectives in Iasi:

a. Military barracks at Iasi have not changed since World War II. The barracks on Graniceri Street have been housing a Frontier Guard regiment since 1945-1946.

b. The barracks on Ing. Ada Marinescu Street, which served as billets for an Air Force unit before World War II, have been occupied by a Securitate unit since the end of the war. There is another barracks of unknown occupancy on the same street.

c. The barracks located on Calea 23 August near the municipal park housed the 13th Regiment before World War II. From the end of the war to 1957 a Cadets' School occupied the premises. When the latter was transferred to Campulung Moldovenesc the barracks were taken over by an army unit.

d. The Iasi garrison command occupies a building at the corner of 23 August and I.C. Frimu Streets.

e. There are no Air Force units stationed in Iasi.

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f. Large contingents of Soviet forces were stationed at Iasi from the end of World War II until 1954-1955. There was also a Soviet Komandatura and a Soviet consul. At the afore-mentioned time the majority of Soviet forces at Iasi were evacuated (allegedly to the USSR); the Soviet consul left at the same time. Additional Soviet forces left Iasi during the revolt in Hungary in 1956; only a small unit remained in town billeted in the former customs house opposite the central railway station. In June 1958, this unit, too, left. Only a small Soviet military movement control office remains at the central railway station.

27. New housing projects at Iasi were mainly constructed on the following streets: Pacurari, Nicolae Balcescu, Ing. Ada Marinescu, and Karl Marx. The Pacurari Street construction, which has been going on since 1951, is on the left-hand side of the street, coming from the center of town. The buildings are designed for the housing of workers and officials. Four buildings were to have been completed by December 1958. Each building has approximately 40 apartments which consists of three rooms and conveniences. Each apartment is alloted to two families who must share the kitchen and bathroom.

28. The following fuel and materials stores are in Iasi:

a. Fuel stores, for current use, are located at the intersection of the railroad tracks and Soseaua Nationala, in the direction of Facurari.

b. In 1955/56 fuel stores, located both above and underground, were constructed on Cetatuie Street (on the left-hand side of the street going from the Bucium Quarter toward the Cetatuie Monastery.

c. Large iron, steel, and coal stores are located at the rear of the Socola Rosie railway station, in an area known as Cimpul Tutora, along the extension of Tutora Street. The stores serve as a distribution center for the various plants in town.

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Subject : Town Map of IASI - Legend to Overlay.

1. Chemistry Section of the Academy of Sciences.
2. "TEXTILA ROSIE" cotton (weaving?) mill.
3. Militia and SECURITATE headquarters
4. "VICTORIA" Hotel.
5. MAXIM GORKIY Cinema
6. TINERETULUI Cinema
7. CABINETUL DE PARTID (Province Party Club).
8. Telephone exchange
9. MUZEUL(museum) UNIREI
10. Former Jockey Club
11. TRUSTUL REGIONAL DE CONSTRUCTIE
12. Province Council (SFATUL POPULAR REGIONAL)
13. Province Party Committee, Town Party Committee and U.T.M.
14. State Bank
15. Agricultural Bank
16. Credit and Investment Bank

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17. Department Store
18. PUSKIN Cinema
19. Orthodox Church
20. Catholic Church
21. Post office
22. Students' hostel
23. VASILE ALECSANDRI National Theatre
24. Civil airport
25. Central Hospital for Adults
26. Medical and Pharmaceutical College (INSTITUT MEDICO-FARMACEUTIC).
27. Academy of Plastic Arts (ACADEMIA RPR - FILIALA IASI - DE ARTE PLASTICE).
28. "M. SADOVEANU" Secondary School
29. Municipal Council (SFATUL POPULAR ORASENESC)
30. Palace of Culture
31. Printing house of the newspaper FLACARA IASULUI
32. Polygraphic Enterprise No.2 (INTREPRINDEREA POLIGRAFICA No.2)
33. Fire brigade station
34. Provincial radio station
35. Warehouses of the STATIA (railway station) DE MARFA PACURARI.
36. Railway gates
37. GARA NICOLINA (NICOLINA Railway Station)

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38. Railway workers' sanitarium (SANATORIUL DE NOAPTE PENTRU MUNICITORI C.F.R.)

39. "ILIE PINTILIE" Locomotive and Railway Truck Repair Works.

40. Branching-off point of tracks to BUCHAREST and UNGENY, respectively.

41. "TESSATURA" Spinning and Weaving Mill

42. Power Station

43. Tram and bus depot

44. Barracks of Frontier Corps Regt. (REGIMENTUL DE GRANICERI)

45. Military barracks

46. Military barracks, formerly of REGIMENTUL No.13

47. IASI Garrison Command (GARNIZOANA IASI)

48. Military hospital

49. Former customs house, occupied by Soviet troops

50. " DR.C.I. PARHON" Province Hospital

51. Blood bank

52. Food refrigeration plant

53. Exhibition Park (PARCUL EXPOZITIEI)

54. Agronomic Institute

55. "23 AUGUST" Municipal Stadium

56. IASI University

57. Slaughter house

58. " SOCOLA ALBASTRA" railway station

59. Railway sidings

60. SOCOLA ROSIE Railway station

61. Warehouses of "SOCOLA ROSIE" railway station (not exactly marked)

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62. Central IASI Railway Station (for passengers) 50X1-HUM

63. " VICTORIA" Spinning and Weaving Mill

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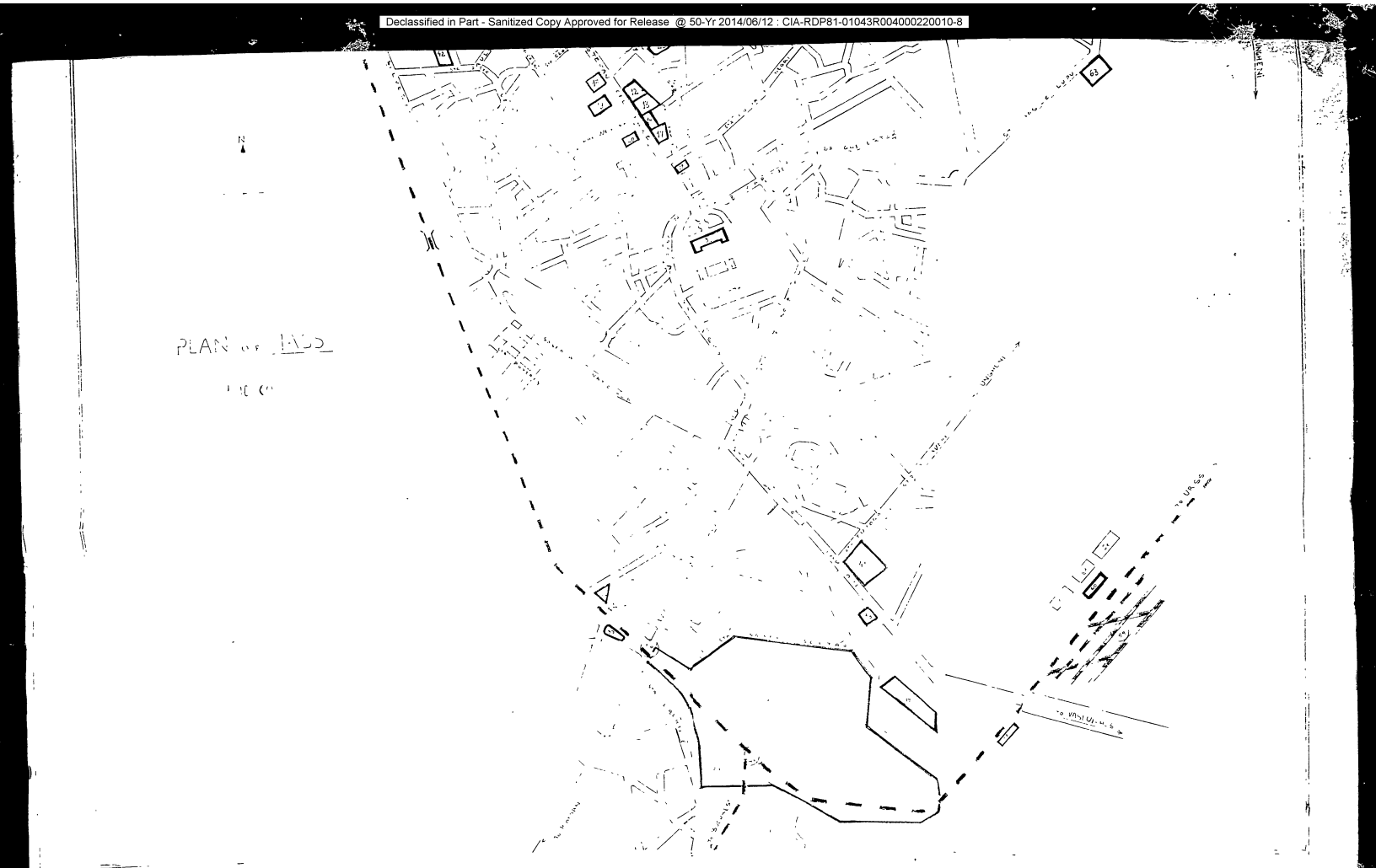

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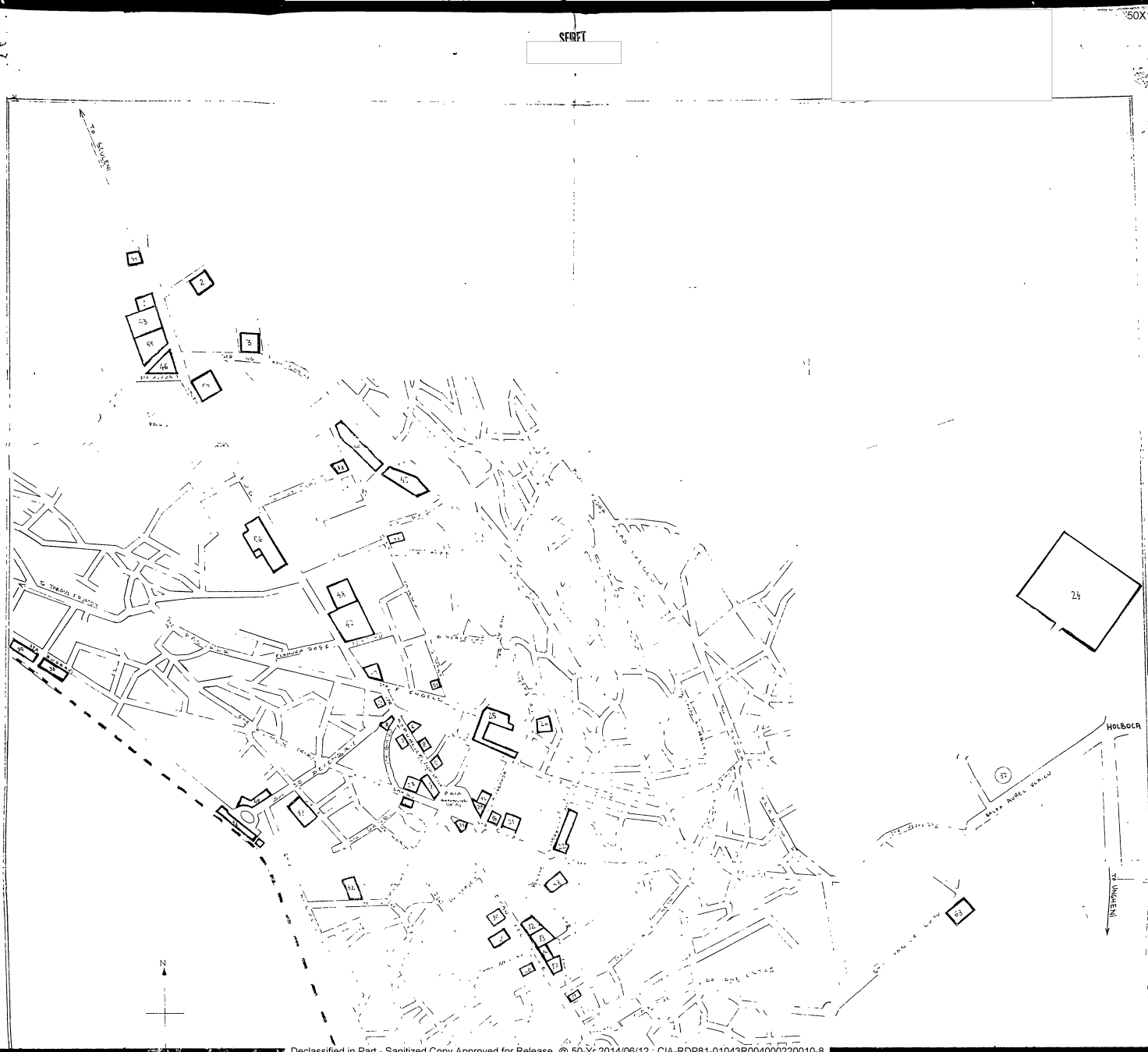

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